

can be... families.

This is a... fair. Under its... ing from lack of food... that already exists among... must increase, and the crimes... bery and murder which are res... from it, will accumulate. No on... wise enough to foretell the extent... the evils that it will bring upon the... country. It is not in the power of the... planters to avert them. They have... exhausted their resources of capital... and credit in their past experiments;... and necessity, if nothing else, com... a reform in the matter of employ...

... have been much interested by... an article in the New Orleans Bulletin... of the 30th ult., on this subject. It... assumes that owing to the uncertainty... and irregularity of the prices of our... products, there is no safe method of... hiring laborers except by short con... tracts. Referring to the previous ag... ricultural disappointments and the... causes, it asks "what is the remedy for... the losses sustained by the planters?"

And answers:
What, then, is the remedy for the loss... sustained by the planters? Undoubtedly... just what it is elsewhere. Just what it is... in the coal mine, in the cotton factory, or on... board the merchant ship: emphatically just... what would be the remedy in the prairies of... Illinois or in the grain farms of England. The... remedy lies in short term labor contracts. The... farmer, miner or manufacturer employing... free labor, fixes wages according to the... price of the product of the labor. General... ly, and for long terms a rate of wages will... continue, because both parties are satisfied;... but if a decline or advance occurs in the... market rates of the fabric, there must be a... readjustment of the relations between the... laborer and the capitalist.

The remedy of the one is a strike or a co... operative association: of the other to close... his mills. Now, unconsciously, this law of... free labor has come upon us. We continue... to apply the ideas of one system to the ex... istencies of another. With much practical... influence in planting under the old system, we... are aware of the difficulties of organizing... the new in its application to an industry so... peculiar as the cotton culture. We are... perfectly aware that cotton labor must be... continuous. That a man can no more make... a crop of cotton than he can make a voyage... without the certain command of his labor. Still... we are satisfied that annual labor con... tracts and annual supplies laid in, must end... in the disappointment or ruin of the planter... and in the starvation of the freedman. There... must be a sliding scale of wages during the... year, while the obligation to labor contin... uously should still exist. This is a problem... which experience and harmony between the... planters and laborers can alone solve. If... they could agree on any umpirage to fix the... rate of wages and provisions periodically, both... parties might be saved from ruin. Under the... present system of annual con... tracts and annual supplies great losses and... suffering are inevitable. Whether our reme... dy be proper or even practicable is a ques... tion. That the planter's losses have resulted... from imprudently binding himself for a rate... of wages and supplies not justified by a de... clining market price for the staple product... is perfectly clear to our minds.

We submit the views of our intelli... gent cotemporary as worthy of seri... ous consideration. But even this plan... cannot reconcile the difficulty before... alluded to between planters and freed... men touching the value of labor. Whether... contracts be for long or short terms, there must be a very ma... terial reduction of wages; and not on... ly this, but the service pledged must... be more faithfully and industriously... rendered, else the condition of plan... ters will continue to grow from bad... to worse.

Typhoid and scarlet fever... trail in Pitts...

... eyes of... ordinary interest, is the... WATSON, of Marshall county... large experience in public affairs... been honored with the confidence of... the people in times past—and will... bring to their service in this trying... emergency a heart that beats for their... welfare, and a head that apprehends... the necessities of the situation. He... is the leader of the "forlorn hope" in... the coming struggle. That he will be... equal to the occasion we have no... cause to doubt.

... OF MR. DAVIS IN NEW OR... LEANS.—We clip the following from... the Picayune of the 1st:

Mr. Jefferson Davis, who arrived last... night by the Cuba, is stopping at the St. Charles. He is accompanied only by Mrs. Davis. Mr. Davis is looking extremely well, so much so that we were happily surprised at finding him so hearty and fresh in look, and to hear him declare that he never felt in better health in his life. Mrs. Davis is enjoying excellent health. They will remain here a few days and then go up to Jefferson county, Mississippi, to see some relatives.

The Times says "there was no public demonstration, but in a private manner abundant evidence was given of the respect and esteem in which they are held by our citizens."

The Hancock Message.

The President's message to Congress concerning General Hancock is a very remarkable document. It is remarkable for the dignity of its style and the sincerity of its tone. It is more remarkable for the propriety, and almost studied courtesy, of every word and expression. But it is most remarkable for what the philosopher, A. Ward, would have called its "sarkasm." It is not sarcasm in the correct meaning of that term, for it is in no respect personal. It is decorous and dignified to the last degree, and in no word or syllable transcends the limit of the most exacting diplomatic rules. Yet, as a specimen of concealed satire, its equal probably cannot be found in the whole range of English literature.

One can easily imagine the sardonic grin that probably overspread his wicked countenance as he deliberately penned and carefully punctuated his courtly but savage sentences. He intended they should cut to the quick, and polished them accordingly. That they did cut is sufficiently manifest from the effect produced in both houses. Grave senators leaped to their feet to protest against printing such a message. One representative could not believe his own ears, and asked if the message were not a hoax. Others manifested some "merriment,"—such merriment as the criminal sometimes manifests when the judge is reading his sentence. And this message is the sentence which impartial history will pronounce upon the acts of General Hancock. As for Congress, it will prepare its own sentences in the action it will take upon it.—Chicago Times.

Dr. Anthony Foster, of Panola county, is now on trial before a military commission at Holly Springs, charged with the murder of Dr. Settle. The reason alleged for taking Foster out of the hands of the civil authorities is that Dr. Settle was a Union man, while Foster was a well-known thorough Confederate.

Of the 143 newspapers in Iowa, 111 are Republicans, 27 Democratic, two temperance, one legal, and one educational.

... and the... house, where... be maintained a... groes have but little... satisfaction of their... chief pleasure is... these depots of gratuitous dis... once opened to them without the... result of proper conditions, and they... emigrate from every direction to get within the scope of the national bounty. Communities of ignorant and armed paupers will gather, and like the tiger when he once tastes blood, will in a very short space of time regard as a right what at first would be accorded as a charity.

The proper and only way to relieve the present and avert future destitution is to undo the pernicious Radical legislation which has disorganized the labor system of the South. Believe it from oppressed burdens, so that a healthy competition can be given to its agricultural interests, and while the rights of all should be protected, leave the great labor problem to be solved by the demand, and cost of supply, which legislation has failed in every historical instance either to control or to influence.

Give the negroes work. Assist the planters in their efforts to reclaim their rapidly wasting lands, re-establish order and endeavor to restore in a measure to the South its fading prosperity, so that the benefit may not only redound directly to both the white man and the negro, but again become an element of national wealth, instead of, according to Gen. Howard's proposition, a gigantic and unending expense.

From New York.

NEW YORK, January 1.—A Herald Utica special says a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Utica was held in the City Hall this evening to take into consideration the rights of American citizens abroad. Mayor Wilson presided, with a large number of Vice Presidents. Strong speeches were made by Messrs. James M. Oude, Francis Kiernan, and others. The resolutions adopted were bold and spirited. One was to the effect that if the Executive and Congress fail to vindicate the right of American citizenship, they are cowardly and imbecile, and unworthy to administer the affairs of the Government.

John Savage, C. E. F. B., in a card, says: "The mischievous report in this evening's papers relating to the selection of a new council for the United Pehlan Brotherhood, and the connecting of my name with the same, is in every particular untrue, and only calculated to throw obstacles in the way of the vision so earnestly desired by all true lovers of human liberty."

THE CASE OF THE ANGOLA DISASTER.—From the investigation made by the Coroner's jury, on Saturday last, of the trucks of the cars thrown from the track at the Angola disaster, near Buffalo, it is established that the rear car was not thrown from the track by a broken wheel, but by the axle of the Cleveland and Toledo coach, (the rear coach) being sprung, thus throwing the wheel an inch and a half out of its proper position. This fact will be officially brought out before the Coroner's jury to-morrow. No compromise cars were attached to the train.

NORTHERN SENTIMENT.—We have been shown a letter from a prominent Alabamian now in New York, on the political state of affairs. He has the interest of Alabama deeply at heart, and urges such an organization as will bring the whites to united action. He expresses great hopes too, that the Supreme Court of the United States will soon decide the reconstruction act unconstitutional, and that a new government will come before it at an early day.—Montgomery Advertiser.

The Empire gold mine, near Charlotte, N. C., are said to yield \$1000 a week.

... experience has demon... strated as that decidedly best adapted to... promote the several objects aimed at by the... economical feeder, is the following:

A trough or vessel is to be provided of ample capacity to contain as large a quantity of food as may be requisite to feed the animals once. Into this receptacle place your cut oat, rye or wheat straw, stalks or hay, and add four quarts of meal to every two animals, with a sufficiency of water to moisten it, and let it stand for twelve or fourteen hours, until an incipient fermentation has commenced, and the mass becomes slightly acidulated. In this state feed it to your animals in the proportion you measure it in, and you will find that not a straw will be refused by them, and that they will continue in a better condition, than when fed exclusively on other feed.

Owing to the fashion of making rich and costly presents to the bride becoming so general, and also to the fact that it is now expected of people accepting an invitation to attend a wedding, that they should bring presents, the number of "regrets" has increased to an alarming extent. To remedy this state of things, the custom is now being introduced in New York of putting at the bottom of invitations: "No presents will be received except from relatives." There is an establishment in New York that makes a business of renting out to wedding parties silver-plated ware and other knick-knack, to enable the bride to make a big show.

THE HUMAN FIGURE.—The proportions of the human figure are strictly mathematical. The whole figure is six times the length of the foot. Whether the form be slender or plump, the rule holds good; any deviation from it is a departure from the highest beauty in proportion. The Greeks made all their statues according to this rule. The face, from the highest point of the forehead, where the hair begins, to the chin, is one-tenth of the whole stature. The hand, from the wrist to the middle finger, is the same. From the top of the chest to the highest point in the forehead, is a seventh. If the length of the face, from the roots of the hair to the chin, be divided into three equal parts, the first division determines the place where the eyebrows meet, and the second the place of the nostrils. The height from the feet to the top of the head is the same as the distance from the extremity of the fingers when the arms are extended.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON.—The Nashville Banner asserts that, at an early day, President Johnson will issue an address announcing that he is not a candidate for re-election. The Banner also states that he will take up his residence at Nashville at the close of his present term of office.

The New York Herald says:

But let the Southern whites who are now under the heel of radicalism be firm, let them keep up their courage, let them be patient and await the hour of their complete redemption, which every sign portends will occur within a twelvemonth.

... are at... true interest, and have... land in wheat than ever be... looks encouraging, and is... be. Cotton will in future... overboard and the cere... and grown in its place.

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